

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain pending in the application after entry of the Amendment originally filed June 7, 2004. Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination on even date herewith. New claims 11-15 are added by this Preliminary Amendment. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

New Claims

Claims 11-15 are added by this amendment and depend from independent claim 10. Accordingly, Applicant submits that new claims 11-15 are in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons that claim 10 is allowable. Moreover, each of claims 11-15 recite additional features or combinations of features not taught or suggested by the prior art of record. Specifically, none of the cited references teach or suggest a ring mountable calculator wherein apertures on a first edge are sized and spaced to fit the rings of an FAA chart binder, as recited in claim 11, or apertures disposed on a second edge that are sized and spaced to fit the rings of a Jeppesen® binder or a standard three-ring binder, as recited in claims 12 and 13. The cited references also do not teach or suggest first apertures disposed along a display of a calculator, and second and third apertures disposed along the display and a keyboard of the calculator, as recited in claim 14. Finally, none of the cited references teach or suggest the claimed ring mountable

calculator, wherein the calculator is adapted to perform functions related to aircraft navigation, as recited in claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant submits that new claims 11-15 are in complete condition for allowance. Moreover, Applicant asserts that support for each of claims 11-15 can be found in the Application as filed, and therefore no new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and remarks given herein, Applicant respectfully believes this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any detailed language of the claims requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fee is due as a result of this amendment. If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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